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SUBJECT: HUMANRIGHTS GOALS

1. FROM NEA/IRN. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING BRIEF PAPERS
ON ABOVE SUBJECT FOR A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. IRAN PAPER
WAS BEGUN EARLY AND WAS SENT WITH GREENE-STEMPEL LETTER
OF JUNE 22. WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE WE SEEM TO
BE IN AGREEMENT WITH HA ON ENTIRE PAPER EXCEPT FOR
PARAGRAPH SEVEN UNDER "MEANS;". NEA/IRN VERSION OF THAT
PARAGRAPH IS INCLUDED IN TEXT BELOW. HA TEXT IS:

"7. LIMIT OUR ASSOCIATION WITH IRANIAN INTERNAL
SECURITY AGENCIES AND INFORM THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT
NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF
ARMS AND EQUIPMENT TO THOSE AGENCIES FOR THESE
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PURPOSES."

2. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON ENTIRE TEXT, AS
WELL AS SPECIFIC THOUGHTS AND POSSIBLE WORDING FOR
PARAGRAPH STILL IN DISPUTE.

TEXT OF PAPER FOLLOWS;

U.S. INTERESTS IN IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS MUST BE SEEN AGAINST A COMPLEX SET OF FACTORS: THE UNUSUALLY BROAD AND VALUABLE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES; IRAN'S ANCIENT TRADITION OF AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT; IRAN'S EXCEPTIONAL SENSITIVITY REGARDING STATE SECURITY, ESPECIALLY AS IT INVOLVES IRAN'S LONG ENMITY WITH THE SOVIET UNION; AND IRAN'S FORCED PACE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. WITHIN THAT CONTEXT, IRAN HAS MADE SOME SPORADIC BUT ENCOURAGING PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, BUT PROBLEMS REMAIN.

IN SEEKING EFFECTIVE WAYS TO CORRECT REMAINING PROBLEMS, THE BASIC USG POLICY SHOULD BE TO REINFORCE AND SUPPORT STEPS TOWARD MORE OPENNESS AND REFORM, INDICATING SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS AND TAKING APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE STAGED IRANIAN MOVEMENT TOWARD POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION.

GOALS

1. MAKE CLEAR OUR ENCOURAGEMENT OVER AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE RECENT END TO THE USE OF TORTURE AND EXPRESS OUR PREFERENCE FOR HUMANE NON-LETHAL POLICE METHODS.

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2. ENCOURAGE THE GOI TO BREAK THE DUAL ROLE OF SAVAK PERSONNEL AS POLICE/SECURITY OFFICIALS AND EXAMINING MAGISTRATES AND TO TURN BASIC DISSENT MONITORING WORK OVER TO POLICE.

3. ENCOURAGE THE GOI TO CONTINUE ITS RECENT STEPS TO BRING STATE SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER TRIALS BEFORE THE CIVILIAN RATHER THAN THE MILITARY COURT SYSTEM.

4. ENCOURAGE THE GOI TO ESTABLISH A MORE LIBERALIZED APPEALS SYSTEM FOR STATE SECURITY CASES TRIED BEFORE THE MILITARY COURTS.

5. SEEK FULLER IRANIAN COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING U.S. OBJECTIVES IN THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

6. MAKE CLEAR TO THE GOI AS APPROPRIATE THE U.S. INTEREST IN INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN IRANIAN STATE

SECURITY CASES, PARTICULARLY WHERE U.S. FAMILY OR OTHER TIES EXIST.

7. ENCOURAGE THE GOI TO ENSURE BASIC FAIR TRIAL STANDARDS INCLUDING FULLY IMPLEMENTING THE FIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF MILITARY PROCEDURES WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT IN DECEMBER 1977 AND IN MOVING ON FROM THERE TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN TWO OF THOSE AMENDMENTS:

- ARTICLE 164: TO CLARIFY THE EXISTING AMBIGUITIES IN THE AMENDMENT SO THAT ACCUSED PERSONS CAN BE BROUGHT EXPEDITIOUSLY BEFORE THE ORIGINAL EXAMINING MAGISTRATE.

- ARTICLE 182: TO REMOVE THE REMAINING IMPEDIMENTS TO FREE ACCESS TO CIVILIAN COUNSEL FOR ACCUSED PERSONS.

8. ENCOURAGE THE GOI TO EXPAND ITS MORE OPEN APPROACH
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TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS GRANTING AMNESTIES, PERMITTING FOREIGN CONTACTS WITH STATE SECURITY PRISONERS, COOPERATING WITH ICRC PRISON INSPECTIONS AND CONTINUING HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS WITH REASONABLE FOREIGNERS INTERESTED IN HUMAN RIGHTS.

9. ENCOURAGE THE GOI TO PERMIT OPPOSITION GROUPS TO EXERCISE THEIR INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RIGHT TO POLITICAL EXPRESSION.

10. OVER THE LONG TERM, ENCOURAGE FULL CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES.

MEANS

1. CONTINUE THE VERY HIGH PRIORITY ATTENTION TO AND REPORTING ON HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE EMBASSY STAFF.

2. REVIEW REGULARLY AT APPROPRIATE GOI LEVELS, INCLUDING

THE MOST SENIOR, OVERALL USG HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES AND GOALS AS THEY RELATE TO IR;N. THIS SHOULD CONTINUE TO INCLUDE TIMELY REACTIONS TO POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IRANIAN DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THOSE GOALS.

3. MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACTS WITH PRIVATE AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN IRANIAN HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS.

4. MAINTAIN CONTACTS AS APPROPRIATE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS THE IRANIAN JURISTS ASSOCIATION, IRANIAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION AND THE IRANIAN COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.
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5. OBJECT, WHENEVER SUCH ACTION WOULD BE USEFUL, TO HARSH

TREATMENT OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION FIGURES AND ACTIONS
OF SAVAK AND CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES AGAINST
THOSE WHO EXPRESS THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE REGIME
PEACEFULLY.

6. THROUGH ACTIONS SUCH AS BUT NOT LIMITED TO HIGH
LEVEL DEMARCHES AT APPROPRIATE TIMES IN IRAN AND WITH
THE IRANIAN EMBASSY IN THE U.S., CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE
OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS.

7. ADJUST OUR ASSOCIATION WITH IRANIAN INTERNAL SECURITY
AGENCIES IN LIGHT OF PERFORMANCE IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS

AND IF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION DETERIORATES, INFORM
THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT NEGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS COULD
RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF ARMS AND EQUIPMENT TO THOSE
AGENCIES.

8. GIVE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS,
ALONG WITH OTHER POLICY INTERESTS, IN REVIEWING BILATERAL
PROGRAMS RELATED TO THE EX-IM BANK, OPIC, MUNITIONS EX-
PORT LICENSING, COMMERCIAL EXPORT LICENSING AND
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES.

9. GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO PROJECTS RELATED TO HUMAN
RIGHTS IN PREPARING ICA'S FY '79 PROGRAM AND THOSE THAT
FOLLOW IN OUR SELECTION OF IVP RECIPIENTS, EMBASSY
INVITATIONS TO HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERS, AND APPROPRIATE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPOSURE TO HIGH-LEVEL USG OFFICIALS.

10. EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND COORDINATE APPROACHES
TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE WITH COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UK,
CANADA, AND THE FRG IN CONNECTION WITH OUR SHARED
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HUMAN RIGHTS INTERESTS IN A NUMBER OF NEA COUNTRIES.

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